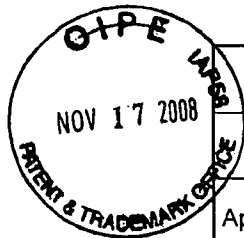


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Applicant(s): Mitsuaki IWASHITA et al.

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**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action dated August 21, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1, 8, 11 and 17-20 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 6, 10, 12 and 13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 11 are amended. Claims 21-24 are withdrawn from further consideration.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)